From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every week, I will be including in the newsletter Kin Kora’s overall percentage attendance and a breakdown for every year level. As per previous newsletter articles, I cannot stress the importance of students attending school and I need your support on this. For 2015, Kin Kora’s attendance goal is >95%. As per the information below, it has been a positive start to the year and I would like this to continue. If you need any clarification or support on this matter, please contact the school.

Whole School Attendance (term 1 to date): 97%.

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*Every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.*

Congratulations goes to Prep A, 1D, 1E, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4C, 4E, 5B, 6A and 6B whose attendance is greater than 98% for week 2. Keep up the great effort.

**Term 1 Class Captains**

Congratulations to the following students on their Class Captain positions for Term 1:

Year 3 - Morgan Pender, Zade Patman, Lorissa Born, Madisyn Morris, Zoe McDonald

Year 4 - Jasmine Christie, Joe Bebendorf, Oliver Tang, Annie Thorogood, Dallas Ward, Brady Blake

Year 5 - Jake Beling, Lily Priestley, Rebecca Battye, Ashlie Acworth

Year 6 - Lillian Awee, Jordan Lester, Vennah Townsend, Samantha Bawden

These students will be presented with their class captain badges on parade this Friday.

**Sports News**

**Boys Soccer** - Congratulations to our boys’ soccer team who defeated St Francis 4 - 1 yesterday. They played an outstanding game.

**Girls Soccer** - Our girls’ soccer team were up against St Francis yesterday and unfortunately were defeated 2 - 1. The girls’ displayed great sportsmanship.
Swimming - Congratulations to Nate Crosisca, Peyton Craig, Luke Hampson and Alyssia Hampson who were selected for Port Curtis Swimming. They will travel to Rockhampton on the 16th February to participate in the Capricornia Swimming Trials. Good luck.

A big thanks goes to Sharon Coward, Denim Hector, Robbie Peters and Will Sutton for giving up their time to organise and coach the girls and boys soccer and rugby league teams.

Parent Information Nights
Each year we conduct brief meetings with parents to enable us to provide class specific information and answer any questions you may have. These sessions run concurrently to enable parents to visit all their children’s information sessions. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday 18 Feb   Thursday 19 Feb
5 - 5.15pm PREP      5 - 5.15pm Year 3
5.20 - 5.35pm Year 1  5.20 - 5.35pm Year 4
5.40 - 5.55pm Year 2  5.40 - 5.55 pm Year 5
                         6 - 6.15pm Year 6

All sessions will be conducted in your child’s classroom.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Payments Due

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Electronic Newsletters
How do I download the QSchools app?
To download the app visit the application store for your device:
• iPhone/iPad
• Android
• Windows phone
• Windows PC

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

Healthy Lifestyle Program
Get your family active and eating well
The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health - is taking registrations now for a group to start in Gladstone in term 2.

The FREE program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.
If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Tuesday Parades
To optimise curriculum time for our students, our weekly Year 1 - 6 parades will only happen on the even weeks for Term 1. Lower and Upper school parades will continue as per normal on the Wednesday and Friday.

Medical Issues
If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for the beginning of 2015. All children taking any medication also need to renew medication forms annually. Forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school.

Change of details
For parents who have changed their address or contact details recently, there is a new form available on our website for you to complete and return. It is important that the school has up to date information for each of our students.

Instrumental Music
Any students from years 4 and 5 who are interested in learning a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instrument need to see Mrs Maitland or Ms Hueber in the Music Room - Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Instruments currently available to learn at Kin Kora include, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet and Percussion (Glockenspiel). Please note- you will be required to purchase your own instrument.

Choir News
Good News! Choir starts this week! So all budding singers please check the window outside the Music room for your day and time. Remember to bring along your lunch and water.

P & C News
Volunteers needed!! Kin Kora State School needs volunteers to assist with supporting our fundraising activities and working with teachers and school administration. No skills required, just a bit of your time. Dave Orgill, P & C

Tuckshop
Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child’s tuckshop requirements. Please drop in and see Sam or phone her on 0417 101605 if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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